

REMARKS

This Amendment cancels claims 8-14. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue cancelled claims 8-14 in a continuing patent application.

This Amendment removes the reference numbers from claims 1-5.

Claims 8 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In view of the above amendment cancelling claims 8 and 14, it is submitted that this rejection has been rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim 8-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,779,228 to Plomtextu et al. In view of the cancellation of claims 8-14, it is submitted that his rejection has been rendered moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

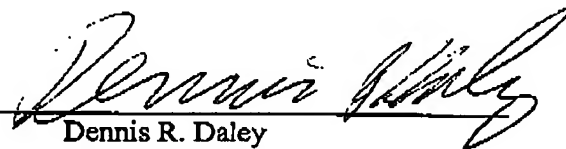
The statement in the outstanding Office Action that claims 1-7 are allowed is appreciated.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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